



## Michigan's AmeriCorps Week Project/Event Descriptions May 12-17, 2014

LOCATION	DATE(S)	TIME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	POINT OF CONTACT
Flint	Saturday, May 10	9:00am	<p><b><u>Graffiti Free Day</u></b> Volunteers will convene in the morning at Salem Housing for a brief orientation and to get paint brushes and rolling pans. Volunteers will be provided with maps and then disperse throughout the city to paint over graffiti. The goal is to clear approximately 5,000 square feet, weather permitting.</p> <p><i>*To participate, please contact Melanie Poisson at the City of Flint Blight Office at <a href="mailto:mpoisson@cityofflint.com">mpoisson@cityofflint.com</a> or (810) 766-7284 ext. 2733.</i></p>	Mary Zumbrunnen, Chief Service Officer City of Flint (810) 553-7389 <a href="mailto:mary.zumbrunnen@gmail.com">mary.zumbrunnen@gmail.com</a>
Detroit	Board-Ups on May 10 & 17  Canvassing on May 12, 13,14,15,16	9:00am- 4:00pm	<p><b><u>Community Board-Ups / Clean-Ups / Neighborhood Canvassing</u></b> The AmeriCorps Urban Safety AmeriCorps program will host two board-ups and clean-ups in Osborn (5/10) and Southwest Community/Clark Park (5/17). They will also engage in neighborhood canvassing throughout that week in the following communities: Morningside (5/12), University District (5/13), Osborn (5/14) Midtown (5/15), and Jefferson East (5/16).</p> <p><i>*For more information on the various events taking place, go to: <a href="http://www.amusdetroit.org/volunteer/">http://www.amusdetroit.org/volunteer/</a></i></p>	Kaye Sutherland, Member Coordinator Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies (313) 577-2155 <a href="mailto:kaye.amus@gmail.com">kaye.amus@gmail.com</a>
Saginaw	Thursday, May 15	8:00am- 1:00pm	<p><b><u>Spring Into Service</u></b> Spring Into Service is the Spring counterpart to the Healthy Kids Healthy Futures AmeriCorps program's Make A Difference Day project. Members and adult volunteers will oversee more than 200 high school volunteers from several high schools in Saginaw County as they complete various clean-up projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration &amp; Kickoff at YMCA of Saginaw – 8:00-9:00am</li> <li>• Service at various sites – 9:00am-12:00pm</li> <li>• Lunch at YMCA of Saginaw – 12:00-1:00pm</li> </ul> <p><i>*To participate, please email Josh Hales at <a href="mailto:jhales@unitedwaysaginaw.org">jhales@unitedwaysaginaw.org</a></i></p>	Joshua Hales, Program Director Healthy Kids Healthy Futures United Way of Saginaw County Big Brothers Big Sisters (989) 776-0555 <a href="mailto:jhales@unitedwaysaginaw.org">jhales@unitedwaysaginaw.org</a>
Northern MI (Mackinaw City)	Friday, May 16	9:00am- 3:30pm	<p><b><u>Northern MI Regional Russ Mawby Signature Service Project</u></b> Join AmeriCorps members, alums, and volunteers for a day of beautification and restoration at a unique service site representative of northern Michigan's heritage. This project will take place at the McGulpin Point Lighthouse &amp; historic site in Mackinaw City. Lunch will be provided.</p> <p><i>*All participants should register by April 29<sup>th</sup> at: <a href="http://www.charemisd.org/academic/ameri-corps/">http://www.charemisd.org/academic/ameri-corps/</a></i></p>	Ashley Moyer, AmeriCorps Member Char-Em ISD AmeriCorps Program (231) 547-9947 <a href="mailto:moyera@charemisd.org">moyera@charemisd.org</a>

West MI (Grand Rapids & Holland)	Friday, May 16 in Grand Rapids  Saturday, May 17 in Holland	8:30am- 5:00pm	<p><b><u>West MI Regional Russ Mawby Signature Service Project</u></b></p> <p>On May 16, Grand Rapids will host a day-long service project that will engage AmeriCorps members, alums, and volunteers serving in the West Michigan area. All current AmeriCorps members are encouraged to participate in order to demonstrate the impact national service programs can have when they come together. Lunch will be provided. Participants will serve with a variety of organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, Gilda's Club, Grand Rapids Public Schools, and more!</p> <p>Additionally, an optional day of service will take place in Holland, MI on Saturday, May 17. Individuals may opt to participate in one or both days.</p> <p><i>*All participants should register by April 18<sup>th</sup> at: <a href="http://goo.gl/InPwWS">http://goo.gl/InPwWS</a></i></p>	<p>Dan Drust, Program Director Schools of Hope Family Literacy Pgm. (616) 459-5151 ext. 26 <a href="mailto:ddrust@literacycenterwm.org">ddrust@literacycenterwm.org</a></p> <p>Jessica Young, AmeriCorps Member Schools of Hope Family Literacy Pgm. (616) 459-5151 <a href="mailto:jyoung@literacycenterwm.org">jyoung@literacycenterwm.org</a></p>
Central MI (Lansing)	Friday, May 16	8:30am- 5:00pm	<p><b><u>Mid-MI Regional Russ Mawby Signature Service Project</u></b></p> <p>On May 16<sup>th</sup>, nearly 100 volunteers representing a variety of organizations will come together to tackle several community projects. Examples of projects include: preparing community gardens for a busy growing season; beautification of the Grand River riverbank; repairing bicycles for future use by local youth; &amp; assisting with other community projects, such as painting murals, building benches, and planting trees. Registration is open to national service members (Senior Corps &amp; AmeriCorps*VISTA/State/National/NCCC), alumni, site supervisors, program directors, &amp; community members. The agenda includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration – 8:30am</li> <li>• Kickoff &amp; Service – 9:00am-4:30pm</li> <li>• Closing – 4:30-5:00pm</li> </ul> <p><i>*Volunteers are expected to bring a brown bag lunch. Water &amp; snacks will be provided. To register, go to: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/mnkhxhp">http://tinyurl.com/mnkhxhp</a></i></p>	<p>Breannah Alexander, AmeriCorps Program Director Michigan Habitat's AmeriCorps Program (517) 485-1006 ext. 13 <a href="mailto:balexander@habitatmichigan.org">balexander@habitatmichigan.org</a></p>
Upper Peninsula (Marquette)	Saturday, May 17	9:00am- 4:00pm	<p><b><u>U.P. Regional Russ Mawby Signature Service Project</u></b></p> <p>Join AmeriCorps members, alums, and volunteers for the annual U.P. service project. This year, participants will focus on dune restoration on local beaches and working on a natural play space at Moosewood Nature Center. Lunch will be provided and this project will take place outside, rain or shine.</p> <p><i>*To participate in the project, please register at: <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GQMLPVV">www.surveymonkey.com/s/GQMLPVV</a></i></p>	<p>Kelly Sager, AmeriCorps Program Coordinator MARESA AmeriCorps (906) 226-5143 <a href="mailto:ksager@maresa.org">ksager@maresa.org</a></p>
Southeast MI (Detroit)	Saturday, May 17	9:00am- 12:00pm	<p><b><u>Flintstone Park Clean-Up</u></b></p> <p>Join other volunteers in cleaning up the Rosemont-Acacia Park (at the corner of Rosemont and Acacia Roads) in Detroit.</p> <p><i>*If you'd like to participate, please contact Mary Lyons at <a href="mailto:mlyons@grandmontrosedale.com">mlyons@grandmontrosedale.com</a> or (313) 387-4732 x116.</i></p>	<p>Mary Lyons, Volunteer Coordinator Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation (313) 387-4732 ext. 116 <a href="mailto:mlyons@grandmontrosedale.com">mlyons@grandmontrosedale.com</a></p>



**During the 2014 Michigan's AmeriCorps Week, the Michigan Community Service Commission will host two webinars about the newly launched Volunteer Michigan Campaign. Webinars will take place on May 13 and 14.**

On April 30, 2014, the Michigan Community Service Commission in partnership with the Volunteer Centers of Michigan will launch a campaign to promote volunteerism across the state. The goals of this campaign are to:

- Promote volunteerism in Michigan;
- Increase the number of volunteer acts in our state; and
- Increase awareness of volunteerism as a component of Michigan's revitalization.

Through the campaign, we hope to engage the public outside of the standard volunteer realm, and AmeriCorps members can play a very important role in helping us do this! The target audience for this campaign is the general public so we want to get this message out to as many people and places as possible! The more people who think about volunteering (and its benefits), the more we'll create a volunteer culture here in Michigan – which, in turn, will help your organization recruit more volunteers and do more great things!

Through these webinars, Michigan's AmeriCorps members will learn about the launch of the campaign, as well as the materials and resources available to help build this culture of service in our state. The materials provided through the campaign are free of charge and are specifically unbranded to encourage use by any organization or individual. Much of the Volunteer Michigan campaign will be conducted via social networking platforms, and visitors of the Volunteer Michigan website are encouraged to share their stories of volunteerism via Facebook, Twitter, or Pinterest.

Learn more at [www.volunteermichigan.org](http://www.volunteermichigan.org).

***To participate in one of the Volunteer Michigan informational webinars, register at the link below. Both webinars will cover the same content. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon McCarthy at [mccarthys3@michigan.gov](mailto:mccarthys3@michigan.gov).***

- **Volunteer Michigan Webinar #1 – Tuesday, May 13 – 3:00-4:00pm EST**  
To register, go to: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/612473458>
- **Volunteer Michigan Webinar #2 – Wednesday, May 14 – 10:00-11:00am EST**  
To register, go to: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/762728338>



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